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GROUP 1651
PATENT APPLICATION

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For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACIDS

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, in which the Examiner set a three-month period for response. Review and reconsideration on the merits in view of the following remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

10. (twice amended) A method for producing an optical isomer II from an optical isomer I of an amino acid represented by Formula (1):



wherein R is an optionally substituted C1-C12 alkyl group, an optionally substituted C4-C8 cycloalkyl group or an optionally substituted C6-C14 aryl group,